

Move to Banish Mays On Foot Among Players; Prosecution Planned

New York, Aug. 17.—With a movement on foot among baseball players of the American League to drive Carl Mays out of the game for good, indications here tonight are that more serious action may be demanded of authorities as a result of the death of Ray Chapman, popular shortstop of the Cleveland Indians. Chapman died in a hospital here this morning from a fractured skull, which he received when struck by a ball hurled by Mays, Yankee pitcher, in a game Monday afternoon.

Team Feels His Loss.

Members of the Cleveland team, heartbroken at the loss of their fellow player, who was the favorite of the team, were incensed today at apparent efforts in local sporting circles to have the game postponed.

Mays has a peculiar manner of throwing the ball, delivering in a long, sweeping underhand movement so that it rises toward the batter. This eccentric style makes it difficult for even the best hitters to

Up until a late hour tonight Mays had not been arrested, although in the normal course of events, had he been driving an automobile and run down Chapman, killing him, the nearest policeman would have placed

him under arrest and a charge of manslaughter would have been placed against him. This charge, Cleveland fans maintain, if not a more serious one, should have been placed against Mays today at least as a formality.

Tells How Ball Was Thrown.

This had not been done, despite the fact that Mays went to the

district attorney's office today, accompanied by Tris Speaker, manager of the Cleveland team and Chapman's room-mate, and Charles McManus, in charge of the Yankees.

Following this interview Mays calmly described to reporters how he threw the ball that killed Chapman.

"It was a straight fast ball.

threw, such as I had delivered hundreds of times, and I can't understand how it happened. I followed Chapman into the players' house and he looked up at me and said: 'It's all right, Carl. Everything will be all right.'

"I never threw a ball with the intention of hurting any ball player as much as Ray."

Cobb Accused Mays.

Ty Cobb, on one occasion, however, accused Mays of attempting to "bean" him, and even went so far as to attack Mays with a bat, until restrained by other players in the game. It was generally conceded here tonight that the killing of Chapman would be sure to re-

open the old discussion of banning the so-called "bean ball" from baseball, officially and forever.

Other parts of the country, from the tone of reports received, are not regarding the incident at the Polo Grounds yesterday as calmly as New York. Even here, however, among fans who love the game for the game's sake, there is an

undertone of comment and severe criticism of such pitching as resulted in Chapman's death.

Certain of these followers of the game have not forgotten that Mays, too, was at the bottom of the "baseball war" a year ago.

Fools Jeerers.

Brooklyn, Aug. 17.—Ivan Olson has a new method of turning a deaf ear toirate fans who howl at his occasional singing. He stuffs his ears with cotton.

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